



**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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Trooper Kerry Sutton  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Illinois State Police  
Post Office Box 19461  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9461

RE: Request for Review – 2010 PAC 8442

Dear Trooper Sutton:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Illinois State Police (ISP) of its intention to withhold certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

Specifically, on July 3, 2010, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to ISP seeking Report No. C09-027205. In its written notice to this Office, ISP asserted that name of a victim included in the report is exempt from disclosure under Section (7)(1)(c) of FOIA, which exempts from inspection and copying “[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The exemption defines “[u]nwarranted invasion of personal privacy” as “the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.” *Id.*

**Determination**

The City’s request for approval of its decision to withhold the name of a victim in the Report pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) is approved. A victim’s name furnished in a police report can amount to a highly unwarranted invasion of privacy. In this instance, there exists no legitimate public interest in disclosure of the victim’s name.

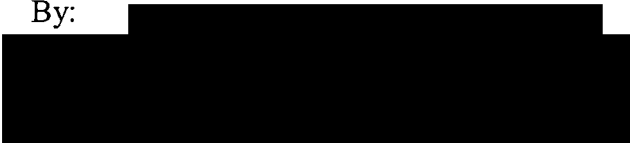
Based on this analysis, ISP has met its burden under Section 7(1)(c) and may redact the victim's name from the report.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5383. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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Public Access Counselor

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